

Certified Local Government (CLG) Program

Matching Grants for Local Historic Preservation Projects

What is the Purpose of CLG Grants?

The grants are to assist local governments in documenting and promoting the preservation of historic and archaeological sites. Examples of eligible projects include conducting architectural and archaeological surveys, nominating properties to the National Register of Historic Places, printing walking tour booklets, preparing feasibility studies and working drawings for property improvements, and rehabilitation of National Register properties.

Who May Apply for the Grants?

Cities and counties which have been “certified” by the Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the National Park Service are eligible to apply for grants. Certification includes passing an approved historic preservation ordinance and appointing a historic preservation commission. The SHPO assists local governments in meeting certification requirements. There are currently over 93 Certified Local Governments in Utah.

What is the Local Government's Responsibility?

Local governments are required to match the grant amount on a 50/50 basis with local funds, donations, and services. They are also required to maintain adequate financial and administrative records. This is usually done by volunteer members of the local historic preservation commission, though some local governments assign a paid employee to assist with the grant management.

When are Grants Awarded and How Much Can a Community Expect to Receive?

Grant applications are sent out in January and must be completed and returned by mid-February. The 16-month grant period runs from April through July of the following year. CLGs may have only one grant at a time, so they are limited to applying only every other year. Most grants are in the \$3,000 to \$6,000 range; the local government's ability to match the grant is usually a limiting factor. If the proposed activities are eligible, it is almost certain they will receive funding.

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